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SUBJECT: THE FUGITIVE PETROLEUM BONANAZA

1. EL TIEMPO OF QUITO CRITICIZED OUTGOING MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES, CAPTAIN GUSTAVO JARRIN AMPUDIA AND THE ECUADOREAN STATE PETROLEUM CORPORATION IN AN OCT. 15 EDITORIAL HEADLINED "THE FUGITIVE PETROLEUM BONANZA." BLOCK QUOTES FOLLOW:

2. "IT WAS PRECISELY THE RAPID FLIGHT FROM THE COUNTRY BY SEVERAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES WHICH CAME HERE TO PROSPECT FOR HYDROCARBONS, THE ASPECT WE CONSIDER THE WEAKEST POINT IN THE MINISTERIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE EX-MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

3. THE EDITORIAL ADDED: "WE REGRET THE FAILURE OF THE CALL FOR OPEN BIDS BY THE ECUADOREAN STATE PETROLEUM CORPORATION (CEPE) FOR THE AWARD OF FIVE INTERESTING LOTS, AND WE BELIEVE THE MOMENT HAS ARRIVED TO FORCE ONCE AGAIN THE COMPLETION OF WORKS THAT ARE TRULY FUNDAMENTAL FOR ECUADOR."  
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